

Harold Nelson Dutton

Harold Nelson Dutton was born on June 15, 1927, in Faith to Hiram and Mary (Spencer) Dutton. He grew up near Faith, on the Dutton homestead ranch that was established in 1914. He went to Sorum High School until it closed, and at that time he continued his schooling in Faith until graduation. In 1943, Harold started "going steady" with his classmate, Vera Collins. When he and Vera graduated, Vera was valedictorian and Harold was the salutatorian. Harold always maintained that he would have beat Vera for the valedictorian position if he hadn't been the captain of the basketball team. They got engaged in 1945 in the summer after graduation, and they were married on June 25, 1947. After they were married they went back to the Dutton Ranch and lived there until they moved to Spearfish in 2007.

Harold was very involved in the community and cared very much about it. He gave selflessly to many organizations including being a 4-H leader for 25 years, he was a church council member and Sunday school teacher for many years, he was on the Beck School Board, he was the clerk of the Beck Township for 61 years, he served as the Faith Alumni President for one year and he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The Harold Dutton ranch won the Conservation Award for Range Manager of the Year for all of his endless conservation efforts. He loved saving wild berry bushes.

Harold was known as a very strong man with an iron grip. He could pick a blacksmith anvil up by the horn raising it from the ground to a straight armed position perpendicular to the ground.

Harold had many different quotes, such as his appreciation for the land, "The land was here before we were, and we are just temporary stewards. We should leave it better than we found it." He liked to tell his children to "Always take time to stop and smell the roses." His philosophy on the conservation "Make the water walk rather than run through our conservation efforts." He liked to stop his vehicle and get his children or grandchildren out to look at a beautiful sunset and remark "You don't see that in Chicago." Harold would always tell his loved ones when they left his house to "Stay over on the hills, and look out for the wild cowboys" which meant for them to come back safe.

Harold was an avid music lover and enjoyed playing the harmonica, the mouth harp, and spoons, and was a prolific cartoon artist, but his greatest joy was his family.

Harold, 86, Spearfish, died on Sunday, September 22, 2013, at the David M. Dorsett Healthcare Facility.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Vera of Spearfish; sons, Melvin (Marcia) Dutton of Faith, David (Bonnie) Dutton of Spearfish, and Daryle (Stacey) Dutton of Tempe, AZ; daughter, Linda (Dennis) Anders-Hathaway of Mud Butte; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sheree` Dutton; sister and brother-in-law, Helen (Walter "Bud") Wenzel; and great-grandson, Gabriel Dutton.

A memorial has been established.

In Loving Memory Of



Harold N. Dutton

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That Man Is A Success

*who has lived well,
laughed often and loved much;
who has gained the respect
of intelligent men
and the love of children;
who has filled his niche
and accomplished his task
who leaves the world better
than he found it,
whether by an improved rose,
a perfect poem,
or a rescued soul;
who never lacked appreciation
of earth's beauty
or failed to express it;
who looked for the best in others
and gave the best he had.*



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Born

June 15, 1927
Faith, South Dakota

Died

September 22, 2013
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, September 27, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Zeona, South Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Marcia Brennan

Musicians

Kent Gabriel
Angie Dutton ~ Amanda Dutton ~ Ashley Dutton
Carrie Schalesky

Musical Selections

"Wind Beneath My Wings"
"Grandpa, Tell Me About The Good Old Days"
"God Must Be A Cowboy At Heart"
"Give Something For Jesus" ~ Written by Harold Dutton
"Let The Lower Lights Be Burning"
"The Rose"
"Brokedown Palace"

Pallbearers

Bill Anders ~ Jeremy Dutton ~ Kristi Anders-Wheat
Joby Dutton ~ Laura Fisher ~ Jay Anders
Angie Dutton ~ Amanda Dutton ~ Tyler Dutton
Ashley Dutton ~ Drew Dutton ~ Noah Dutton ~ Dash Dutton

Honorary Pallbearers

All Great-Grandchildren

Interment

Dutton Ranch Cemetery